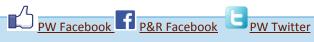
# City Manager's Weekly Update



#### Contact us:





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#### **Employment Opportunities** with the City of Belmont

**Housing & Economic Development Specialist** (Temporary – Limited Duration) For more information please click here.

Public Works Maintenance Worker I/II (Limited to first 150 applications received)

For more information please click here.

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- Earth Day Celebration- Saturday, April 25th 9 am-Noon
- Public Works Week in the Park-Wednesday, May 20th 10 am-2:30 pm See more information below on all events

# **Executive Summary**

#### New Website Lets Residents Monitor Bay Area Vital Signs-



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission unveiled its innovative Vital Signs website, an interactive tool that Bay Area residents can use to track the region's progress toward reaching key transportation, land use, environmental and economic policy goals. Residents can also consult the new website to learn more about historical trends, differences and similarities among the Bay Area's many communities, and how the nine-county region stacks up with other major U.S. metro areas. <a href="http://www.vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov/street-pavement-condition">http://www.vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov/street-pavement-condition</a>

# 2035 General Plan Update

- Accomplished this week:
  - Special youth workshop scheduled in February (2/18) with Carlmont High School
- What we're working on now:
  - Community Workshop #2 (1/22) summary report
  - Technical review of draft Working Papers
  - Community Newsletter #2
- Watch for:
  - Workshop #2 Summary to be posted on Website ETA 2/06
  - Working Papers to be posted to Website ETA 2/20
  - o Late February second community-wide newsletter + mail-in survey

For more information see the **General Plan Update Website** 

#### **New Street Sweeper Now in Service**

Public Works Operations and Maintenance has received the new street sweeper and is now in service. The street sweeper was ordered several months back to replace the old sweeper that had ongoing mechanical issues. The new sweeper has been outfitted with emergency lighting, a camera system and decaled and has started making the clean sweep of city streets.



Street sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters, and the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. This debris affects the overall aesthetics and general cleanliness of the City and can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains.

Street sweeping is an effective method of removing both the large and microscopic pollutants that collect on City streets. This sweeping also serves as one of the City's Best Management Practices (BMP) to control and improve water quality as part of the Regional Municipal Permit.

The City sweeps an average of 4,900 curb miles/year of improved City roads/streets as part of the current sweeping program. Motorized sweeping removes an average of 545 tons/year of material and debris from the street before it goes into the storm drains and creeks.

# **Belmont Fire Department Welcomes New Firefighters**

The Belmont Fire Protection District welcomed two new firefighters in a swearing-in ceremony at the City Council meeting on January  $27^{\rm th}$ .

**Firefighter Matt DeAlba** had been a mail run courier with the City of San Mateo since September 2013. He was a Firefighter Cadet

with both the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the San Mateo Fire Department. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Arizona State University in May 2008, completed the Fire Technology Program at the College of San Mateo in December 2009 and completed his Paramedic training at WestMed College in April of 2014.



**Firefighter Brett Hart** had been a Paramedic with Protransport-1 Ambulance in San Francisco since July 2013. Brett had also been a Firefighter Cadet with the San Mateo Fire Department since January 2014. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with a Double Minor in Psychology and Communications from the University of Nevada-Reno in May 2011 and completed the Firefighter I Academy at the College of San Mateo in December 2013.

The fire department is very excited to have them as part of the organization. Please join us in welcoming them to the City of Belmont!!!

# **Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings**

The City of Belmont is currently recruiting residents interested in serving on various City Commissions. The deadline to apply is 5:00 P.M. **Friday, February 6**<sup>th</sup>

The Openings are as follows:

- Three three-year terms on the **Planning Commission** for. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and takes action on planning applications, and makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and land use issues. (click here to download application)
- Three two-year terms on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to Belmont's Park and Recreation programs, as well as on capital improvements to the City's various parks and open space areas. (click here to download application)
- Two one-year terms for Youth seats on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**, between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. Parent/Guardian consent is mandatory. (click for Youth Application)

Applicants must live in Belmont. Except for a small stipend paid to Planning Commissioners, there is no compensation for these positions.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 650-595-7408, or the Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413.

## **Library News**

#### The Friends of the Belmont Library are looking for volunteers:

#### LIBRARY - Monday - Sunday

Every day volunteers sort donation barrel according to date & condition. Hours can vary according to amount of work - (1 - 3 hours)

#### **BOOK NOOK - TWIN PINES PARK - COTTAGE**

Nook normally open 4 times a month except in January when it is closed. Regular hours are  $2^{nd}$  Sat. & Sun. and  $4^{th}$  Fri. & Sat. It is also open during Park events - Summer concerts & Holiday Craft Faire. Volunteers work 2 hour shifts - (12 - 2 and 2 - 4) to sell books. Other times volunteers sort and shelve books. Hours can vary according to amount of books.

If you're interested in volunteering or want additional information you can contact the Friends of the Belmont Library at (650) 888-5898



# **Storm Division**

- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Inspected and cleaned both Ralston and Harbor Storm Pump Stations
- Attended the quarterly San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention meeting at the Redwood Shores Public Library
- Swept 27 miles of curb resulting in the acquisition of 6.45 tons of debris from the roadway
- Replaced 50 feet of corroded 12-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe with 12-inch PVC pipe on Arbor and groomed the affected area (pictured below)





(Arbor-Corroded 12-inch corrugated metal pipe- Before)





(Arbor-area backfilled, compacted and groomed- After)

# **Sewer Division**

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 6 service calls
- Videoed 569 feet of sewer pipe
- Jetted (cleaned) 675 feet of sewer main
- Inspected two sewer manholes
- Staff helped contractor replace two leaking sections of by-pass pump pipe at the San Juan Pump Station
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station (pictured below)





Ralston Ranch debris catcher - Before 1-23-15

Ralston Ranch Debris catcher - After 1-23-15

Staff inspected and cleaned pump check valves at Island Park Pump Station, Motel 6
 Pump Station and Haskins pump Station (Pictured below)



Motel 6 check valve pump 2



Motel 6 check valve pump 1





Island Park check valve pump 1

Island Park check valve pump 2

# **Streets Division**

- Marked out 10 Underground Service Alerts
- Saw cut and dug out lifted asphalt on Old County Road to investigate source of lifting
- Filled and compacted asphalt cold patch on Old County Road
- Met with PG&E to notify them about their utilities lifting up asphalt on Old County Road
- Prepped and painted all City owned traffic plates with non-skid paint for safety asphalt concrete
- Assisted the Sewer Division with maintenance at San Juan Pump Stations

# **Traffic Division**

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners 1 down; 1 up
- Repaired 3 streetlights
- Installed new generator run and station power notifications at 1 pump station
- Installed new generator "low fuel" alarms at 2 pump stations
- Fabricated 15 signs
- Replaced 32 signs Retro Reflectivity Compliance Project
- Attended Lead Worker Academy
- Attended Preventing Workplace Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Training
- Removed graffiti at 2 locations
- Trimmed vegetation to improve sight distance at 3 locations
- Straightened 4 sign poles
- Replaced 5 impact recovery delineators on Ralston
- Provided traffic control for paving project on Old County Road
- Assisted Storm Division back-filling repaired storm drain
- Assisted Engineering Division: updated the Hansen computer program and GIS maps with regard to red curb and Stop signs
- Completed the replacement of all 479 "STOP" signs in Belmont. We are now fully compliant with the retro-reflectivity requirements for stop signs (*Pictured below*)

# Retroreflectivity – What is it and why do we care?

In general terms, retroreflectivity describes the efficiency of a material to redirect light back to its source. This is a unique form of the more common *diffuse reflection*, whereby light is scattered in all directions after striking an object. Retroreflective materials are engineered to redirect most of the light back toward the source, which gives signs and pavement markings a brighter appearance at night from the driver's perspective.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices mandated that signs be replaced based on certain minimum Retroreflective levels. While actual compliance dates for meeting the standard have not yet been set, we here in Belmont are now 100% compliant with regard to "STOP" signs.





# Pollution Prevention and How You Can Participate

# <u>Cigarette Butts are Litter Too</u>

Cigarette butts are the single most littered item in Belmont. Filters never fully biodegrade and they also contain hazardous chemicals and toxins. When littered on the ground, they can make their way to our storm drains, creeks and the bay.

<u>Flowstobay.org</u> is giving away a free keychain ashtray for you, or a friend. Fill out their <u>form</u> and one will arrive by mail.



Remember, when smoking, please put butts out responsibly. Carry a container to hold butts in when trash receptacles are not available.





# Less Toxic Pest Management

Protect yourself and the environment.

Look for this logo when getting rid

of problem insects and plants.









Message brought to you by: San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program and the City of Belmont



# Parks and Recreation

# Major Improvements Made To The Area Of Water Dog Lake

Over the course one weekend, Belmont based Boy Scouts of America Troop 301 had over 25 volunteers on site to not only repair a large section of trail, but also build and install two raptor perches by Water Dog Lake.

With over 200 man-hours of service on the project, the impact was immediate when a member of the troop captured a photo of a red-tailed hawk sitting on one of the perches. Local birds of prey are integral in our eco system and we thank the volunteers for their hard work. Be sure to share your scenic photos with us on our Belmont Parks and Recreation Facebook Page http://bit.ly/BelmontCAFacebook.



#### **Open Space Trail Improvements**

Improvements were made on the Rambler and Elevator Trails in the open space areas. Several sinkholes that had developed in December as a result of the heavy rains were repaired and improved for better drainage and access along the trail and are now ready for the next big rain. Better access is now available, take advantage of the clear weather and get out to explore our open space!





# **Sports Field Improvements**

As opening day is getting closer for youth sports, athletic field improvements are happening every week. Infields are being graded and leveled for safety the diamonds are being sharpened up to look great for our players and residents. We look forward to the excitement a new athletic season brings!



# **New Playhouses at Community Learning Center**



Belmont Parks and Recreation staff built two new playhouses in the playground of Community Learning the Through fundraising, the Parent Teacher Organization purchased the houses for the children. We are so happy with our PTO as they also sponsors trips, special visitors and fun resources. The youth will surely let their creativity and imaginations run wild while playing in their new houses!





# The City of Belmont Poet Laureate

The City of Belmont and the Belmont Public library are looking for an Official Poet Laureate to act as an ambassador and advocate for poetry, literature and the arts.

## Qualifications:

- The Poet Laureate must be a Belmont resident 18 years of age or older who has been recognized for poetry and literary contributions.
- The Poet Laureate must demonstrate a commitment to and passion for poetry and embrace the opportunity to engage in community service to make poetry more accessible and available.

More information and applications are available at:

The Belmont Public Library 1110 Alameda De Las Pulgas Belmont, CA. 94002 (650) 591-8286

Applications are due at the Belmont Public Library by FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6pm.

Enhancing the quality of life for the community
- City of Belmont Parks and Recreation Department

## **Other Agency Announcements**

# **Two New Green Energy Proposals Announced**

# PG&E Plans to Offer Customers a Community Solar Choice in 2015

Green Option Reflects PG&E's Commitment to Clean Energy and Customer Choice

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**— Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) today received permission from state regulators to offer electric customers a new clean energy program that will provide up to 100 percent solar power for a modest cost premium each month. PG&E expects to start enrolling customers in the fourth quarter of this year.

"Our green option is all about giving customers the power to choose and about bringing the benefits of solar to our communities. Our customers already enjoy some of the cleanest power in the United States, but we want to help them do even more to support clean energy and the green economy. Our green option will let them buy into a pool of clean solar energy, locally produced in our service area, to meet all of their electricity needs," said Chris Johns, president of PG&E.

# **Exploring Community Choice Aggregation in San Mateo County**

The County San Mateo and Lean Energy are exploring the potential of community choice aggregation in San Mateo County

**Lean Energy Website.**—CCAs in California focus on consumer choice, competitive electricity rates, and the aggressive transition to clean energy resources. California's CCA legislation, AB 117, passed in 2002 and was amended by SB 790 in 2011.

California is a predominantly regulated energy state, with only limited access to competitive energy markets through Direct Access and CCA. This means that CCAs in California work in the wholesale (not retail) power market. CCAs are opt-out programs and are approved by local ordinance of a County, City or special district (e.g. local water agency or public utility district); a separate public referendum is not required.

For the most part, local governments who form a CCA in California do so through the creation of a joint powers agency (JPA) that runs the CCA program on behalf of multiple jurisdictions. There are several reasons to consider this approach including the ability of the JPA to leverage financing for new programs and projects as well as the establishment of a legal firewall between the budget and assets of the CCA agency and the general funds of its member cities and towns. Municipalities that have a separate utility or water district can integrate CCA into their current utility service. This is a logical choice since those agencies already have utility (most often water) customers.

Because CCAs in California are organizationally more complex and in some ways more sophisticated, CCA is a long-term proposition and most are focused on offering consumers affordable rates along with an aggressive transition to cleaner, more efficient power. Initial power supply contracts range from 3-5 years, 15-25 year power purchase agreements (PPAs) are common, and the development of local renewable energy projects is often a core goal. CCAs in California have focused on the integration of distributed generation resources, netenergy metering, local feed-in-tariff, energy efficiency, and demand response programs.

In May 2010, the nation's first CCA committed to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increased use of renewable power launched in Marin County. Since then, Marin Clean Energy has grown to serve over 100,000 customers with a minimum energy portfolio of 50% CA qualified renewables. The Agency has established net energy metering and feed-in-tariff programs and its long-term PPAs have spurred the development of nearly 60MW of new solar, wind and landfill gas in the State. The program that was once branded a "risky scheme" is proving economically viable and is expanding its service territory and its roster of programs and services.

CCA efforts are underway in San Francisco, Sonoma and in other California cities and counties. The City of Richmond recently joined Marin's program, Sonoma Clean Power is set to launch in early 2014, and Monterey and Santa Cruz have partnered to form Monterey Bay Community Power. Local leaders committed to launching the first southern California CCA have formed the San Diego Energy District Foundation and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved funding for a CCA study within the context of their County Renewable Energy Plan. Public discussions of CCA are occurring from Yolo County to San Luis Obispo and from Arcata to Oakland.

Prior to the failure of Prop 16 in 2010 and the passage of SB 790 in 2011, utility opposition to CCA was fierce and well funded. Since then, utilities have taken a publicly neutral position on CCA, and utility marketing or lobbying against CCA is now illegal. That doesn't mean utility opposition has gone away entirely, and the utilities do a good job working through allied organizations to make their position known. But the real battlegrounds for CCA in California are at the State legislature and the CA Public Utilities Commission. Key regulatory issues include cost shifting from generation to transmission and distribution, non-bypass-able charges that unfairly impact CCA customers, and cost recovery surcharges including utility exit fees. All of these issues make it challenging, but not impossible, to compete in the CA marketplace. Cities and counties around the state are investigating CCA now that Marin's model has proven to be a local economic engine and environmental powerhouse.

## CALIFORNIA CCA FAST FACTS (updated December, 2014)

- Number of CCAs approved by the CPUC: 4 (Marin, San Francisco, Sonoma, Lancaster)
- Number of communities currently investigating CCA: 15+
- Minimum and maximum percentage of electricity from renewable power available to Marin County and Richmond customers from Marin Clean Energy (MCE): 50%, 100%; Percent carbon free resources: 67%
- Percentage of renewable power authorized for San Francisco's CleanPowerSF program:
   100%
- Megawatts of new local solar from County water project included in Sonoma Clean Power's initial supply portfolio: 20MW
- Monthly rate savings for average small business customer in Marin: \$8.00/month winter,
   \$2.50/month summer
- Potential rate savings for A-1 commercial customers in San Diego: 23%
- Number of net energy metering (NEM) customers and price per kWh offered under Marin's NEM tariff: 2,500; Full retail + 1 penny
- Amount of new solar development under contract for Marin and Richmond CCA customers: 52 MW
- State Renewable Portfolio Standard: minimum 20% in 2010, moving up to 33% by 2020

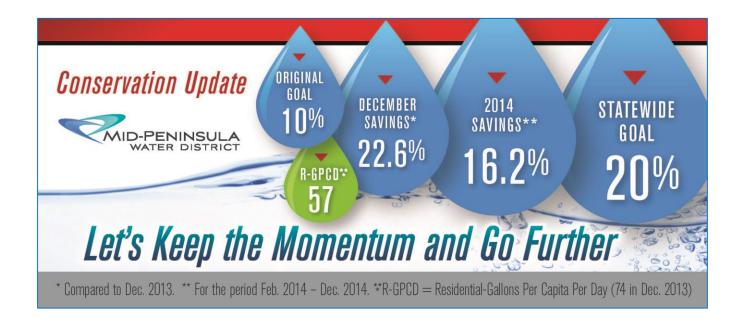
## PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program

As you might already know, PG&E recently announced its 4th annual <u>PG&E Bright Minds™</u>
<u>Scholarship program</u>, aimed at assisting certain youth achieve their higher-education goals.

Scholarships will be awarded to high school, community college and "non-traditional" students, with rewards ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 annually, up to five years.

The deadline for applying for the PG&E Bright Minds Scholarship is <u>February 9, 2015.</u> For more information and to apply, visit <a href="https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/pge/">https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/pge/</a>. Scholarship recipients will be announced in the spring.

Since 2012, the PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program has awarded nearly \$3 million to students throughout PG&E's service territory, based on a combined demonstration of community leadership, personal triumph, financial need and academic achievement. All majors are eligible, with preference given to students majoring in engineering. Eligibility requirements include planned 2015-2016 enrollment in a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the duration of the 2015-2016 academic year.



# Ralston Middle School & San Carlos Children's Theater present the musical "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."



Director: Eron Block. Choreographer: Daina Block. Music Director: Susie Jimenez.

# **Cast and Crew**

All actors are <u>students</u> of Ralston Middle School! Also, Ralston <u>students</u> will be operating the lights and sound, and working backstage. Be entertained while supporting the students!

# Story

This musical tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity!

#### **Performance Dates**

Friday March 27 at 7:00 PM

Saturday March 28 at 7:00 PM

Sunday March 29 at 1:00 PM

#### Venue

McKinley Auditorium 400 Duane Street Redwood City, CA 94062

#### Tickets and Info

Tickets \$10 / person.

Tickets at http://www.scctkids.com/beauty-and-the-beast-jr-ralston-middle-school/

# **Community Calendars**

# **Twin Pines Community Center**

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\*Some activities require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R), some are drop-in
\*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.

# **Belmont Public Library**

